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ARABS ATTACK POLICE DEPOT

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The Wangs Weren't A Loving Lot

Peiping, Dec. 14.

Nobody seemed very fond of anyone else in the Wang family.

Sister Lien Hsiang, a middle school student, was not liked by the mother and resented it. So she had her mother arrested as an opium smoker—a crime punishable by death.

Older sister Yu Hsiang, a Catholic University student, did not like her brother's young wife. So she publicly accused her of adultery.

The wife, Liu Shu-yuan, decided she did not like any of them. So yesterday she killed both sisters with an axe and hung herself.

She left a letter to her husband saying she planned to axe him too—only he was not home.

He never did like home much, he later told the police. — United Press.

Bus Strike Is Still Deadlocked

The bus strike on the Island entered its fourth day yesterday without either side making any move to effect a settlement.

It is understood that the Labour Officer, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, has, with a view to an early settlement of the strike, invited the Chairman of the Motor Car Drivers Association, Mr. Lai Wah-hin, and four representatives of the strikers, to a conference at his office this morning.

A report on the events leading up to the strike was made last night at a mass meeting of strikers, held at the Kowloon Branch of the Motor Car Drivers Association in Bute Street.

PRESS CENSORSHIP AT HAVANA TRADE TALKS

Havana, Dec. 14. The International Trade Conference ruled today that Press coverage of sub-committee meetings henceforth will be limited to communications prepared by the United Nations Information Department previously censored by the chairman of the group involved.

The decision of the conference's General Committee dealt a blow to the defenders of unrestricted Press coverage—the United States and India.

Opposed to full Press coverage were Britain, Norway, Australia, France, New Zealand, Switzerland and China.

United States' Clair Wilcox stated that some delegation seemingly approved of a "complete news blackout."

Mr. Wilcox spoke after Mr. Walter Nash, New Zealand, had said he would be "perfectly satisfied" if there was a press coverage at all "for the next two months."

Opposition. The opposition speakers, led by Britain, argued that the conference was bound by the rules

28 More Deaths On Palestine Record

Jerusalem, Dec. 14.

Arab members of the Najada military organisation raided a Palestine Police arms depot at Raleh at midnight last night.

They stole hundreds of rifles and thousands of rounds of ammunition and fought a 30-minute battle with the Coldstream Guards, in which one British officer was wounded. An official announcement said the Arabs brought three trucks to the depot and removed 400 rifles, three Bren guns, six Sten guns and 60,000 rounds of ammunition.

One of the trucks attempted to run the roadblock set up by the Coldstream Guards and the Arabs finally abandoned it after half an hour battle.

A second truck was also stopped and three Arabs captured. In the two trucks the British troops of and 77 rifles, three Bren guns and six Sten guns.

The third truck, which apparently carried most of the loot, escaped.

In Jerusalem an 18-year-old Arab boy was killed and another Arab wounded when Jews threw grenades into a bus running to Mount Scopus.

A bomb exploded in a Jewish shop in Haifa with no casualties. In Jaffa the police detonated two unexploded bombs found in a theatre.

New Chinese Postal Rates Quashed

Nanking, Dec. 14.

After a heated discussion at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Yuan, it was finally announced that the increase of postal rates put into effect since December 11 will be considered void.

The Control Yuan recently censured the motion of increasing postal rates by the Executive Yuan on the ground that the latter has no legal rights to readjust postal rates without the confirmation of the Legislative Yuan although it was empowered to do so by the State Council.—Central News.

WILL FYFFE IS DEAD

Saint Andrew's, Dec. 14. Will Fyffe, 62-year-old Scottish comedian who created the song "I belong to Glasgow," died in hospital here early today.

He was seriously injured yesterday when he fell 20 feet from a window of the hotel where he was convalescing after an operation for mastoids.

He landed heavily on a wooden platform with multiple injuries.

It was believed that his fall might have been due to a dizzy spell.—Reuter.

H.K. Named As 'Hub Of Sino-Japan Trading'

Hong Kong is now deriving the benefits of 14 Sino-Japanese trade, Mr. Tang Chu-sheng, Chinese commercial delegate to Japan, said in an interview with the Shanghai Ta Kung Pao today.

Mr. Tang said that a considerable amount of Japanese-made luxuries, the importation of which was banned in China, were now pouring into Hong Kong and from there being smuggled into China.

Chinese exportable commodities and their way to Japan through the same channels, he added.

Mr. Tang said the volume of Japanese trade with Hong Kong was on the increase.

The resumption of direct Sino-



Bloodshed is daily increasing in Palestine. Here is a glimpse.

Arabs are looting Jewish shops in Jerusalem after the buildings had been set on fire by mobs during anti-Partition riots.

Mobs of Arabs stormed through the city towards the Jewish quarters.

Black smoke coiled up over the commercial district from burning shops and cars in Saint Julian's Way and Mamillah Road. — AP Photo.

GREETINGS FOR KING'S BIRTHDAY

Windsor, Dec. 14.

Hundreds of messages of congratulations have been received at the Royal Lodge, Windsor, where King George is today celebrating his 52nd birthday.

Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh made an all night train journey to London from the Royal Estate at Birkhall, Scotland, where they ended their honeymoon yesterday, to attend the King's birthday party.

After spending two hours at Buckingham Palace this morning, they drove to Windsor to join the King and Queen and Princess Margaret.

Only a handful of people saw the Royal Couple step out of their special coach at London station early today.

The Duke will report for duty at the Admiralty tomorrow to take up his new post in the Operations Division.—Reuter.

CHIANG'S SON IN SHAI

Shanghai, Dec. 14.

Major-General Chiang Ching-kuo, Russian-educated eldest son of President Chiang Kai-shek, arrived here from Nanking last evening by air on an "important" mission, according to Chinese reports. The nature of the mission was not disclosed.—Reuter.

Position In Palestine

An Arab Mob Gathers To Loot Jewish Shops

Macao Puts Ban On Gold And Platinum

As forecast a few days ago by the "China Mail," the Macao Government on Saturday clamped down on free imports and exports of gold and platinum which from now on are subject to permit, tax and other restrictions.

Announcing this in an official document, the Portuguese authorities emphasised that the restrictions imposed were unavoidable since continuance of free imports and exports of gold would inevitably have unfavourable repercussions on Macao's economy, it was reported yesterday from Macao.

The new regulations released on Saturday prohibit, except by permit, all gold imports and exports including gold in transit.

Permits will not be issued for amounts under 50,000 ounces in the case of gold and 20,000 ounces in the case of platinum.

Tax

Before a permit is issued, the importer will have to pay an import tax of \$2 per ounce for gold and \$3 per ounce for platinum, and at the same time give an assurance that he will sell to the Portuguese Bank US dollar exchange equivalent to one per cent of value of his gold imports.

The importer will be paid in Portuguese currency, based on the exchange rate prevailing on the date the transaction takes place.

Imposition of tax on transit gold is also provided in the new regulations—\$3 per ounce for gold and \$4 per ounce for platinum—the tax being payable in advance of the issuance of a permit.

Kept in Macao for more than 48 hours, transit gold will be automatically considered as imports into Macao and dealt with accordingly.

Official permission must also be obtained for exporting gold from Macao with the date fixed beforehand.

The US dollars exchange obtained through gold imports will be deposited in the Portuguese Bank and utilised from time to time for the Macao Government's obligations abroad.

JAP MINISTER MAKES PLEA FOR SOCIALISM

Osaka, Dec. 14. Japanese Foreign Minister, Hiroshi Ashida, warned in a speech here today that only socialistic policies would be capable of meeting Japanese labour's demands.

"If the Social Democratic Party is unable to tide over the labour offensive, it means that only the Communist Party can," he said.

According to Kyodo News Agency, Ashida added: "Under existing circumstances in Japan we cannot expect to see the Communist Party in the saddle."

Ashida, a Conservative Democrat in Social Democrat Prime Minister Tetsu Katayama's Coalition Government, asserted: "There is no alternative for the country but to implement the Socialistic policies to tackle the labour offensives."

Demands

The "labour" offensives to which Ashida referred were the special living demands, my Government and public employees which Katayama secured with difficulty during the recent Diet session.

Ashida admitted that a special allowance was an inevitable outcome of labour's needs for maintaining a livelihood.

Touring southern Honshu and

Factions Again Clash In Chinese Govt.

Nanking, Dec. 14.

Factional strife within the Kuomintang, which subsided appreciably following Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's exhortations to Party members to work for Party unity at the recent fourth plenary session of the Central Kuomintang, has burst out again.

The jockeying of several influential members for presidency of the Legislative Yuan has fast approached a crucial stage.

Informed sources told the Associated Press that the Kuomintang Committee for the examination of Party candidates meeting yesterday, witnessed an unusually heated debate between two well defined groups—presumably the Political Science group under the leadership of Premier Chang Chun and the so-called C-clique under Kuomintang Minister of Organisation Chen Li-fu—over the nomination of Party candidates to the Legislative Yuan.

Both groups, it was said, sought to place on the Party ticket those who were followers of or sympathetic with their own factions with a view to obtaining majority support.

Contenders

At present the known contenders for this position are Sun Fo, Chen Li-fu, generally acknowledged leader of the Rightist faction, and Wu Teh-chen, Kuomintang Secretary-General identified with the Political Science group.

All three are Kuomintang nominees to the Legislative Yuan.

A competent source said that Sun Fo, assured of the votes of more than 1,000 incumbent members of the Yuan, stands an even chance with Chen Li-fu, who is reported to be seeking of his followers, Wu Teh-chen will be runner-up to either Sun Fo or Chen Li-fu, these sources say.

Under the constitution, Sun Fo's candidacy for Legislative Yuan makes him forfeit the right to be re-elected Vice-President to which post Control Yuan President Yu Yu-jen is considered the most likely.

Appropriation

Meanwhile, the Office of the Comptroller-General in charge of the national budget has authorised an additional appropriation of nearly CN\$200,000,000,000 to cover deficits of all Central Government offices for the current fiscal year ending December 31, but has rejected a Legislative Yuan proposal for the institution of a cost-of-living system in paying Government employees on the ground that "it would be too heavy a financial burden for the Government." —Associated Press.

Ta Kung Pao Comes Back To H.K.

China's influential daily, "Ta Kung Pao," will shortly be published in Hong Kong, it was learned yesterday.

Discussions are now in progress for premises—the Ten Ho Bank, which closed its doors more than three months ago. The "Ta Kung Pao" was first published in Tientsin.

When the Sino-Japanese war broke out, the newspaper was moved to Hong Kong and later to Kweilin when Hong Kong was occupied.

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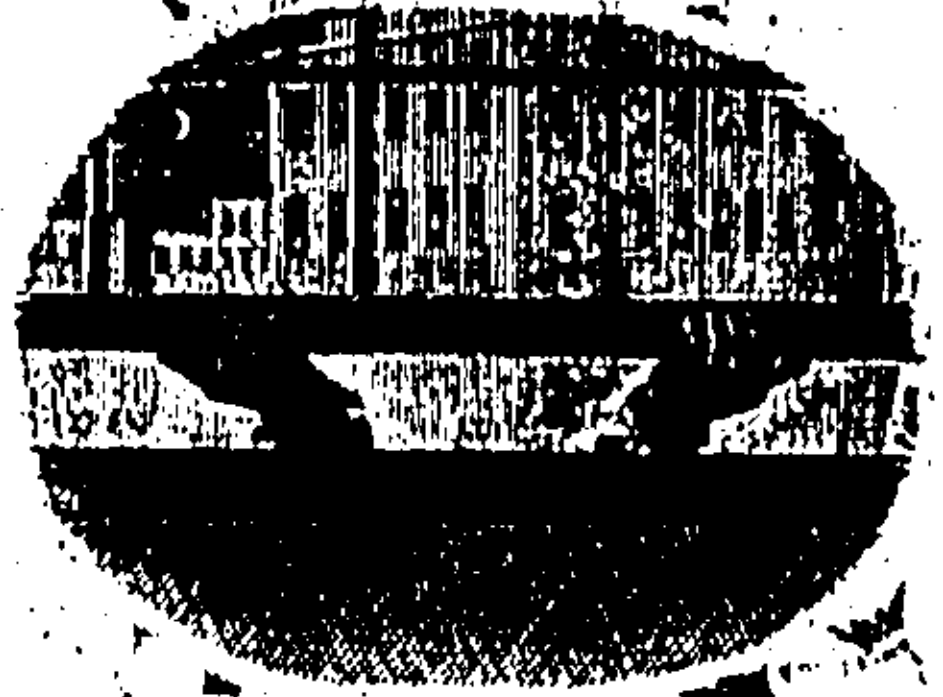
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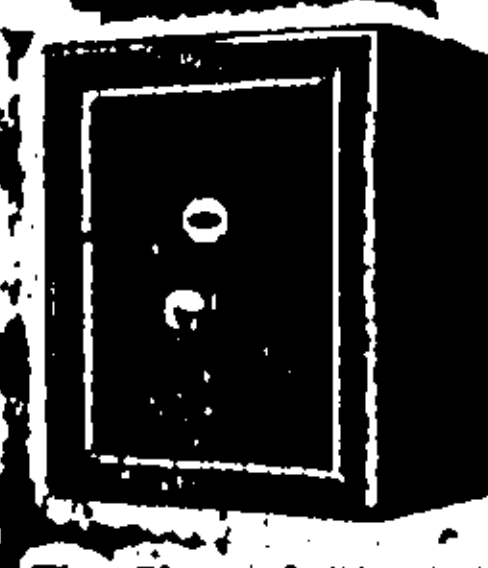


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WHO WILL BE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE YUAN?

Nanking, Dec. 14.

With the election of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as President of the Republic a certainty when the National Assembly convenes early next year, interest today centered around the question of who will get the Vice-Presidency and the influential post of President of the Legislative Yuan.

Dr. Sun Fo, son of the Founder of the Chinese revolution, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, at present holds both posts concurrently but it is considered possible he will be ousted from one or the other in a Government reshuffle following inauguration of the new Constitution on December 25.

While the Constitution provides that both posts shall be elective—the Vice-Presidency by members of the National Assembly and the Presidency of the Legislative Yuan by members of the Yuan—it is an accepted fact that the real election will take place in the mind of Chiang Kai-shek.

The probability of anyone being elected to either post without the Generalissimo's prior approval is practically non-existent.

In making the decision, the Generalissimo as usual is expected to give full consideration to the delicate balance of power he maintains between the factional groups within the Government.

Question Mark

The biggest question mark a possible reshuffle is powerful Chen Li-fu, who is reputed to have more influence with the

Generalissimo than any other individual in China.

Chen has been frequently mentioned lately as possible President of the Legislative Yuan.

His appointment is said to be strongly opposed by Premier Chang Chun and members of his Political Science group who represent the chief counter-balance to Chen's so-called "CC clique" within the Government.

Dr. Sun, also opposed Chen's getting the post because he wants to keep it himself along with the Vice-Presidency.

He is known to feel that the Vice-Presidency alone would give him too little influence in the Government.

If reports that Chen Li-fu is angling for the post of President of the Resident Legislative Yuan are correct, it represents a change of his tactics over the past several years, during which he has been inclined to wield his great power from the background rather than stepping into the limelight of top government posts.

Reaction

Some foreign observers think that, apart from other considerations, the Generalissimo would be ill-advised to give the Legislative Yuan Presidency to Chen because of probable unfavourable foreign reaction, particularly in the United States.

They point out that, rightly or wrongly, Chen has become a symbol in the eyes of most American observers of the reactionary forces in the Chinese Government, and his assumption of one of the top Government posts would hardly be regarded as a step in the direction of reform, for which so many American critics have been agitating.

While Dr. Sun is not thought to wield as much power as either Chen or Gen. Chang, the Generalissimo must tread cautiously in dealing with him because of the great name he bears.—United Press.

"The Colonel" Has Made A Speech

Chicago, Dec. 14.

The Chicago Tribune published today a prepared speech by its publisher, Col. Robert E. McCormick, charging that "in 1938 an agreement was made for the United States, France, England and Holland to make war on Germany and Japan."

The speech was prepared for delivery to a meeting of the Economic Club of Chicago, but at the last minute McCormick discarded the entire speech for an informal discussion of his recent tour of the Far East, emphasizing his belief that the future of the entire world depends on strengthening democracy in the United States.

Hong Kong
 McCormick's prepared text continued: "The (Roosevelt) administration guaranteed Hong

Kong, certain Chinese lands, some Siamese areas and Burma, Singapore and the Dutch islands to their conquerors"—the English, French and Dutch. He said the populations of these areas are "brutally treated and exploited by their conquerors. All of them looked upon the Japanese as deliverers until they found the Japanese occupation no less tyrannical than the English, French and Dutch."

The alleged war agreement, McCormick said, is "among the matters I learned" on the Pacific trip. He added: "I use the word 'agreement' because it was not a treaty submitted to the Senate and great efforts have been made to keep it a secret. However, the agreement was to make war on Germany, whether Germany attacked or not."

"It also planned to take the Azores from Portugal and the Canaries from Spain. The plan was the plan of the French General Staff and was accepted without question by our own staff which at that time followed the French staff as almost supernatural."

United Press.

Chinese Art Exhibition

An exhibition of oil paintings, water colours, and woodcuts by six distinguished Chinese men and women artists will be held under the auspices of the Human Studio at St. John's Hall, Garden Road, from today till Thursday.

There will be works of car-
 toonists Teh Wai, woodcut artist Hain Po, women artists Fong Ching and Sheng Tai-chun, and oil painters Lo Wu-Yah and Chen Yu-chen. Teh Wai and Hain Po are known as leading artists in their field.

The Buses Still Stand Idle



Hong Kong's bus strike is still dragging on and neither side seems ready to make a move for settlement.

In the meantime, city-goers pack on to crowded trams and buses lie idle.

Here are some of the buses. They are standing in front of the main station at Causeway Bay.—China Mail Photo.

THE MAGIC CIRCLE IS FULL OF MYSTERIES

If you have an ink-stained handkerchief which defies the usual stain-removers, hand it over to Mr. Jack Emerson, of the Royal Navy. Within a couple of minutes you'll get it back without the stains.

At least that was what happened at the meeting of the Hong Kong Magic Circle, held at P. & O. Building last night.

All that was necessary was to put the handkerchief into a "Lux" sink box, shake the box a couple of times, and presto—the ink-stains went.

Another trick performed by Mr. Emerson was joining three cut pieces of a cord together to make them into a continuous string, without any knots what-soever.

Mr. P.J. Crosbie gave a few demonstrations of escapology.

In one of his "acts" Mr. Crosbie divested himself of his coat and turned his waistcoat back to front.

His wrists were tied by two pieces of cord which were, in turn, tied at his back.

The President (Mr. F.M. Gensburger) entertained the members with a knot trick.

Four articles (obtained from those present) were tied separately to a cord, the ends of which were, after having been passed through the sleeves of a jacket, held by Messrs. Hefly and Desai.

The articles were then "untied" in the order named by the spectators, and the cord untied, pulled through the sleeves.

Serious

The entertainment was preceded by the more serious business of the Society (Mr. J.M. Bentley, reading the minutes of the inaugural meeting, and reporting on the meeting of the Committee held on Dec. 10).

In the latter, it was decided that members' wives would be admitted to membership without payment of entrance fee but on payment of the usual monthly subscriptions.

It was also decided that there would be no honorary members but that visiting magicians (whether professional or amateur) would be invited to make use of the Club and to attend its meetings.

Thirdly, the Committee decided to request Mr. Crosbie to submit a design for the crest of the Hong Kong Magic Circle.

Mr. Crosbie also stated that the Circle had been offered the use of the Cosmo Club premises, free of charge. The only stipulation was that 25 per cent. of the members of the Circle should also become members of the Club.

On the proposal of Mr. Burroughs it was decided that there should be only the business meeting of the Circle monthly, and that the weekly meetings should take the form of socials and get-togethers.

The next meeting will be held at 8.30 p.m. at the Cosmo Club on Sunday, Dec. 21.

Japanese Girls Are Worried

Tokyo, Dec. 14.

The imminent arrival of the New Year has all the Japanese girls who are hunting husbands, very worried. Every one of them will be one year older on January 1.

A baby is considered one year old the day he is born. Even if he happens to be born on December 31, he becomes two years old on January 1.

That may be two days old in Hong Kong but it is two years old in Japan.

The information about the worried ladies scurrying for years-end husbands comes from Masao Sasaki, 33-year-old bachelor.

He works in a private "matting" agency operating under the alluring name of "marriage salvation."

Sasaki had completely overlooked the New Year age boost until one of his clients, told him to hurry up and get her a husband this month.

"I'll be one year older with the New Year and one wee little year can ruin a girl's aspirations and ambitions," she said.

Sasaki thumbed his index cards, listing the women and men ready to pay solid cash fees for the right sort of well-fixed mate.

Mostly there were people in difficulty as a result of the war. The old solid families, with strong family ties, still do their own match-making.

Sasaki read aloud from a card: "WANTED WIFE:—One with 500,000-yen assets. Appearance disengaged. Applicant describes self as 40 years old, open hearted and trying hard to re-establish his business."

Sasaki shrugged: "Probably a director of a black market," Associated Press.

German POW Still Has His Souvenir

Fremantle, Dec. 14.

A German prisoner of war who was on his way back to Britain today after a three-day stay in Australia, still has in his possession a pound note which he had when he escaped from Thirkeby camp in Yorkshire, seven weeks ago.

He was Ulrich Johannes Lagermann, who was arrested for loitering on Fremantle Esplanade early yesterday morning and today appeared before a Fremantle police court.

The police said that when first arrested, Lagermann stated that his name was John Thomas and that he had recently arrived in Australia from Chile.

Later he confessed that he was a German prisoner of war and had arrived here last Wednesday.

He stated that he walked out of Thirkeby camp seven weeks ago, boarded a train for Liverpool and from there went on to London and Southampton, the police said.

He showed away on board the liner Asturias bound for Australia, and during the voyage lived on the emergency rations in a lifeboat, according to the police statement.

Lagermann was said to have been born at Netteln, Westphalia. When arrested he had no money except an English pound note which he said he had had ever since his escape. The authorities refused him permission to stay and he was put back on board the Asturias which sailed today.—Reuter.

CHINESE REDS READY FOR LONG BATTLE

Shanghai, Dec. 14.

Two Americans who recently emerged from a long stay in the Chinese Communist areas in Hopei and Shantung provinces, told Associated Press today that the Reds are economically and militarily equipped to carry on their struggle with the Government for "at least two more years — and very likely more."

These Americans—one of whom has spent nearly a year of extensive movement throughout the Communist realm engaged in relief work—said the morale of both the frontliners and peasants was high but that they were prepared for months more of warfare and privation before achieving a decisive victory over Nanking.

The informants—who asked that their names be withheld—said the Red chairman, Mao Tse-tung, presided over a conference of civilian and military men in the mountains near Hantan last month for the purpose of re-organising the North China Communist Government (embracing northern Honan, western Shantung, Hopei and northern Kiangsu).

The meeting followed the Red capture of Shihchachuang.

Decentralised

They said the Communists soon after the fall of Yenan, decentralised control over its various border region governments and allowed each region to govern itself independently.

The only programme still unified was the one under the direction of Chou En-lai—for training Communist Government workers to participate in a future Chinese Coalition government.

The Communist stipulation for formation of such a government would be that of not including Chiang Kai-shek or any present old-line Kuomintang leaders, the Americans said.

They gathered that from conversations of party men.

Anti-U.S.

Communist anti-American propaganda was evident throughout the area—with posters tarring in Chinese "Down with Marshall, Down with Truman!"

During their long period in Communist territory, neither of the informants saw evidence of Soviet arms or equipment.

They were impressed by the fact that, though many villagers were newly "liberated" by the Reds, there was no apparent bitterness.

Asked about the land distribution programme, one peasant replied: "Those who gain land like it. Those who lose it don't. Since more get than give, there are more satisfied peasants."

Not Understood

The Americans said the peasants failed to understand the Marxist and Leninist doctrines, but regarded the Reds as liberators and willingly organised themselves into militia "mopping-up" corps to protect their newly acquired plots of land.

The informants said Nationalist commanders whom they met in September admitted making four breaches of the Grand Canal between Moowang, Communist outpost in Hopei and Luchochlen, Government outpost in the same province.

The first breach, about 40 miles south of Pienlin, 60 feet across, flooded the Communist area for about 100 square miles and kept Red troops bottled up.

The others, on the east side, were smaller. The damage minimised now, however, by freezing. The Nationalists also built dykes to divert the flood waters to the Red areas, the Americans said.—Associated Press.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in 1.15 metre band from 2.30 to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—Glenn Miller and His Orchestra and The Merry Macs.

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

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1.15 p.m.—Songs that have sold a Million.

1.30 p.m.—Symphony Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Studio Hospital Request Hall Hour. Presented by Holmes, Brown and Studio Rudy Dines and His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—Studio: "I Like What I Like" Presented by Elizabeth Boyd.

7.45 p.m.—Studio: "Talks on Fashion" by Jane Richards.

7.50 p.m.—Piano and Violin Recital. Alexander Dralovsky & Joseph Stigwell.

8.15 p.m.—Moods in Music.

8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "On the Mountains," A Fantasia on the Life and Death of David Livingstone.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.15 p.m.—Studio: "A Talk" by the Rev. Father T.F. Ryan, S.J. "Great Opportunities"—Helen Brown.

9.45 p.m.—Beethoven's Symphony No. 4 in G Major, D.D.C. Sym. Orch.

10.15 p.m.—Something for Everybody. Music for all tastes.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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THE KREMLIN'S STRATEGY

Concentrating On The Marshall Plan

BAOC STRIKE THREAT

Bournemouth, Dec. 14. About 80 radio officers of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, serving on York and Lancaster aircraft, are threatening an unofficial strike next Tuesday, which may ground planes on services to Africa, the Middle East, Singapore and Australia.

The men's grievance is that they are expected to live in the Bournemouth area because these planes are maintained and serviced at the neighbouring Hurn airport, while most of them have to keep up homes in other parts of the country. They are seeking extra living allowances.—Reuter.

Truman Assurance To Italy

WASHINGTON, DEC. 14. PRESIDENT TRUMAN SAID TODAY THAT WHILE UNITED STATES TROOPS WERE BEING WITHDRAWN FROM ITALY, THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONSIDER "APPROPRIATE MEASURES" FOR MAINTAINING PEACE THERE SHOULD ITALY'S INDEPENDENCE BE THREATENED IN FUTURE.

About 1,600 American troops, all that remain of several hundred thousand at the time of the Italian armistice, are due to sail from Leghorn tomorrow in the army transport "Admiral Sims."

In connection with the withdrawal, the President issued a statement which said: "Although the United States is withdrawing its troops from Italy in fulfillment of its obligations under the treaty of peace, this country continues its interest in the preservation of a free and independent Italy."

President Truman added: "If in the course of events it is becoming apparent that the freedom and independence of Italy, upon which the peace settlement is based, are being threatened directly or indirectly, the United States, as a signatory of the peace treaty and as a member of the United Nations, will be obliged to consider what measures would be appropriate for the maintenance of peace and security."—Reuter.

17 KILLED IN RAIL CRASH

Clermont-Ferrand, Dec. 14. Seventeen were killed and 20 injured when a train struck a small trolley car near here. Six of the injured were reported to be in a critical condition.

Clermont-Ferrand is near Lyons in south central France.—United Press.

"Christian General" Attacks Aid Plan

Washington, Dec. 14. American opponents of further United States aid to China today received support from General Feng Yu-hsiang, who termed such proposed assistance "useless and dangerous."

The one-time "Christian general" arrived here for his second visit during a lengthy tour of the United States studying water projects.

Sent abroad by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who was reported to be anxious to keep him outside the Chinese political picture, Feng unhesitatingly criticized the Nationalist administration and urged further American efforts to mediate the Chinese civil war.

"JANE"

He said no Chinese would act

Good Long-Term Investment?

London, Dec. 14. The grand strategy of Russian diplomacy and of international Communist action bears all the signs of concentrating on the overthrow of the Marshall plan to restore economic stability and political equilibrium in Europe.

Seen from this angle, even the French Government's victory over the Communist-led strikes can be explained away as a hollow triumph.

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Moscow, in cancelling the repatriation arrangements with France, has lost no time in turning the heat on her by a public demonstration of Russian displeasure, probably with the aim of keeping French public opinion in a state of agitation which will hinder France's efforts towards an economic recovery.

If France and Italy—the keys to the first phase in the Marshall plan—can be kept in a depressed economic state during the coming months, two Soviet objectives will have been achieved.

Confusion

1.—The maintenance of economic confusion in all those parts of Europe outside the sphere of direct Soviet influence.

2.—The chance to build up the economy inside the Soviet sphere to a point where the Eastern European countries would have a real exportable surplus of food by next year.

If these aims are secured, then Western Europe may be tempted to look increasingly behind the iron curtain as a substitute source of dollar imports at a moment when the second phase of the Marshall plan is due to be getting into operation.

These arguments are being used by French Communists to justify their recent action in France, even though this has resulted in a temporary defeat. Some of them even go so far as to claim that Communism in France can increasingly afford to ignore electoral propaganda, since Russia is winning the struggle for political influence in Germany, and with an eventually Communist Germany, France will no longer be in a position to resist joining the Soviet sphere of influence.

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This highly speculative reasoning is unlikely to convince political observers here until at least some of the conditions upon which it rests have been fulfilled in practice.

It is, however, interesting as a plausible explanation of how the alternating tactics of Moscow, operating simultaneously through direct diplomatic action, form part of a concerted scheme to thwart the success of the Marshall plan and extend Russia's sphere of influence throughout Europe.

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BRITISH SHIP AGROUND

Jacksonville, Dec. 14. The British motor vessel Deliverance ran aground in heavy weather today off Ponte Vedra Beach, near here and appeared to be in danger of breaking up.

The skipper, Captain Wilson King, and eight of the crew remained on board the vessel, which operates in the regular service between Bermuda and Jacksonville, while a ninth man swam ashore for assistance.—Reuter.

SECRET AGENT'S NAME CLEARED

London, Dec. 14. The Foreign Office last night issued a statement clearing the name of a British Secret Service agent whose bullet-riddled body was found in a disused well at Tanus Village, near Toulouse.

It said: "As a result of inquiries in France last summer by the French authorities in conjunction with Scotland Yard, it was established that the body found in a disused well at Tanus in June 1943 was that of Captain Christopher James Lord who disappeared in May 1943 while engaged on a clandestine military mission under orders of the War Office."

"Subsequent reports in the French Press alleged that Lord had been executed on orders of the War Office because he had imperilled the success of his mission and the lives of his companions."

"It can be stated categorically that Captain Lord was not killed on any express or implied instructions issued by the War Office who had no knowledge of his death until shortly before the inquiries mentioned above were initiated. There was no evidence that Captain Lord betrayed either his mission or his companions."—Reuter.

REUTER MAN DEAD

London, Dec. 14. Sir Basil Clarke, journalist, war correspondent and publicist, died here today at the age of 68.

Sir Basil was war correspondent for Reuter at British Army headquarters during the later battles of the Somme, in the first World War.—Reuter.

Greece "Saved From Big Disaster"

Athens, Dec. 13. The United States mission for aid to Greece claimed tonight that it had succeeded in saving Greece from a "national disaster which threatened her at the time American aid was requested" in its report on United States help.

Greece had been saved "from the brink of subjugation by a militant armed minority," the report said, but "the critical military and economic situation will take time to repair."

The four-fold battle against guerrillas, starvation, suffering and inflation still required unity, sacrifices and a tremendous effort on the part of the Greek people, the report said.

Disclosing that the Greek Army had received 70,000 tons of military supplies between August

BRITAIN TO PULL OUT BEFORE MAY 15

London, Dec. 13. Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons today that Britain had made it clear that May 15 was the latest date by which Britain would hand over her mandate for Palestine.

If negotiations with the United Nations moved more quickly than he thought and an earlier date could be fixed, Britain would do so.

May 15 as the date of the surrender of the mandate had been fixed after careful consideration.

Mr. Bevin added: "We felt that if we fixed the date earlier, matters would not be completed. An earlier date might cause heavy loss and, after what we have put into Palestine in the last 30 years, I do not see why we should have such a loss."

The Foreign Secretary added that if a speedup was possible, it would be done.

Saying that there was no obligation on Britain to change the immigration quota, Mr. Bevin warned Jews that if they encouraged illegal immigration it would be regarded as a provocative act. "I say to Jews advisedly that they should leave it alone until the new state is set up."

Between then and the withdrawal the Government is expected to clear Cyprus because it could not have illegal immigrants on British territory after that time.

It had been decided to withdraw the Arab Legion from Palestine at the same time as the British forces. Priority was given to the removal of implements of war.

The Limit

The Administrators in Palestine, whose careers would be cut short, would receive adequate compensation, added Mr. Bevin.

Methodist Budget

Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Dec. 14. The Methodist Church should take a more active part in formulating United States foreign policy, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York said today.

The Church should provide "competent men to represent the moral opinion of the world at the places where decisions are made," the Bishop told delegates to the annual session of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Among missionary budget allocations proposed to the Board of Missions for the next four years were: US\$1,719,000 for India, US\$1,155,000 for Burma, US\$1,192,000 for Malaya, US\$220,000 for the Philippines, US\$467,000 for China, US\$250,000 for Korea and US\$153,400 for Japan.

The money would be used for new buildings, equipment and modernisation of existing facilities.—Associated Press.

PONTIFF TO SPEAK

Vatican City, Dec. 14. Vatican sources said today that Pope Pius will address the Cardinals on Christmas Eve. As in past years he is likely to deal with issues of major concern to the Church and the world.

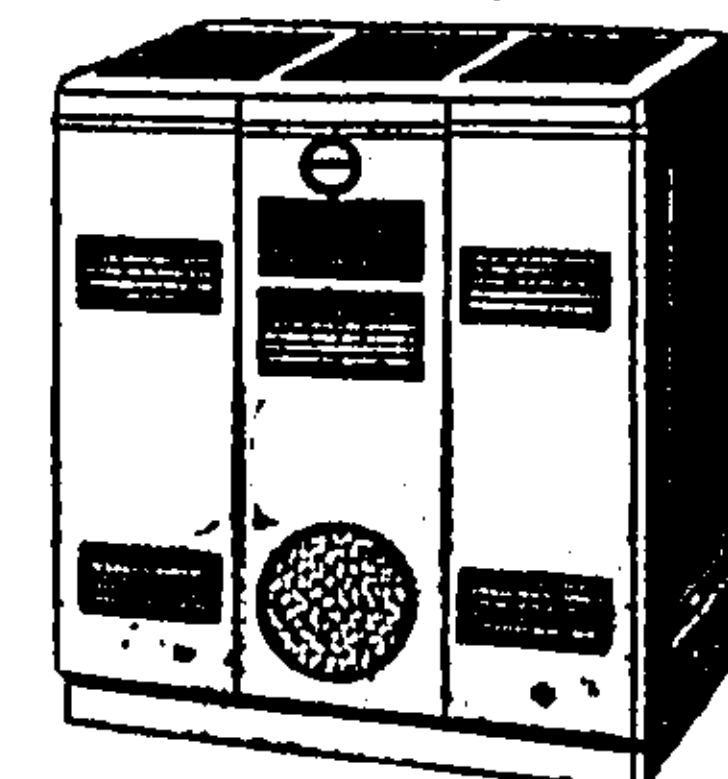
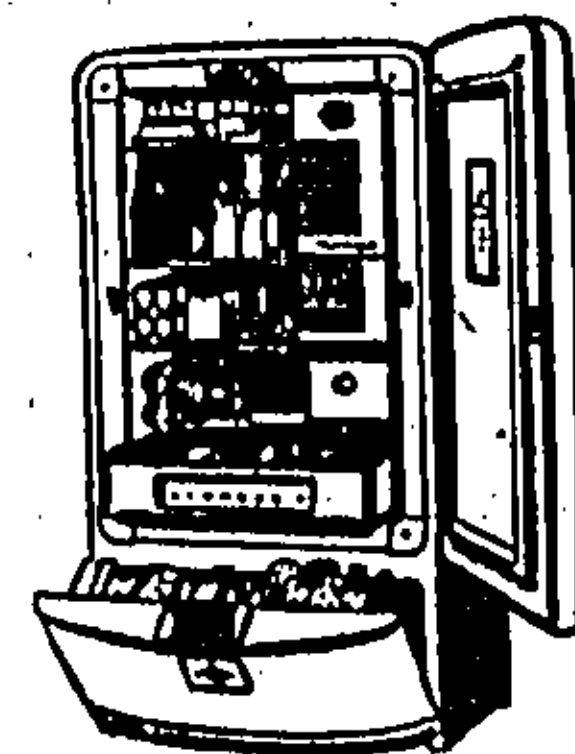
The speech will be a reply to Christmas greetings conveyed by the Dean of Cardinals, 90-year-old Gennaro Cardinal Granito Pignatelli di Belmonte. It will be broadcast.

The Vatican has neither confirmed nor denied reports that the Pope may use the occasion, as he did two years ago, to announce creation of new Cardinals. The College has nine vacancies.—Associated Press.

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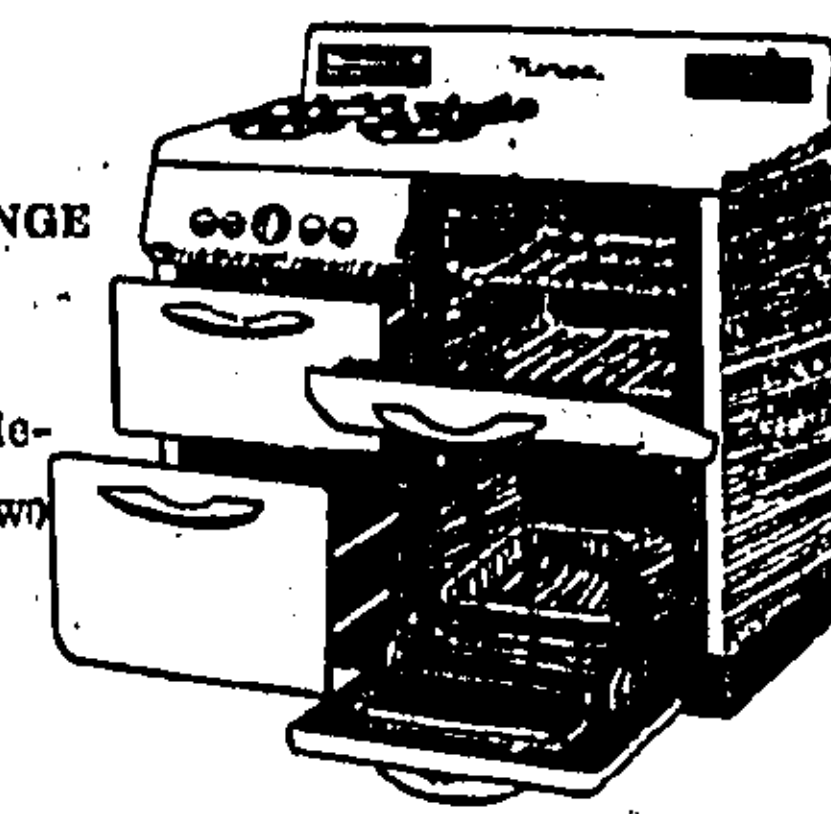
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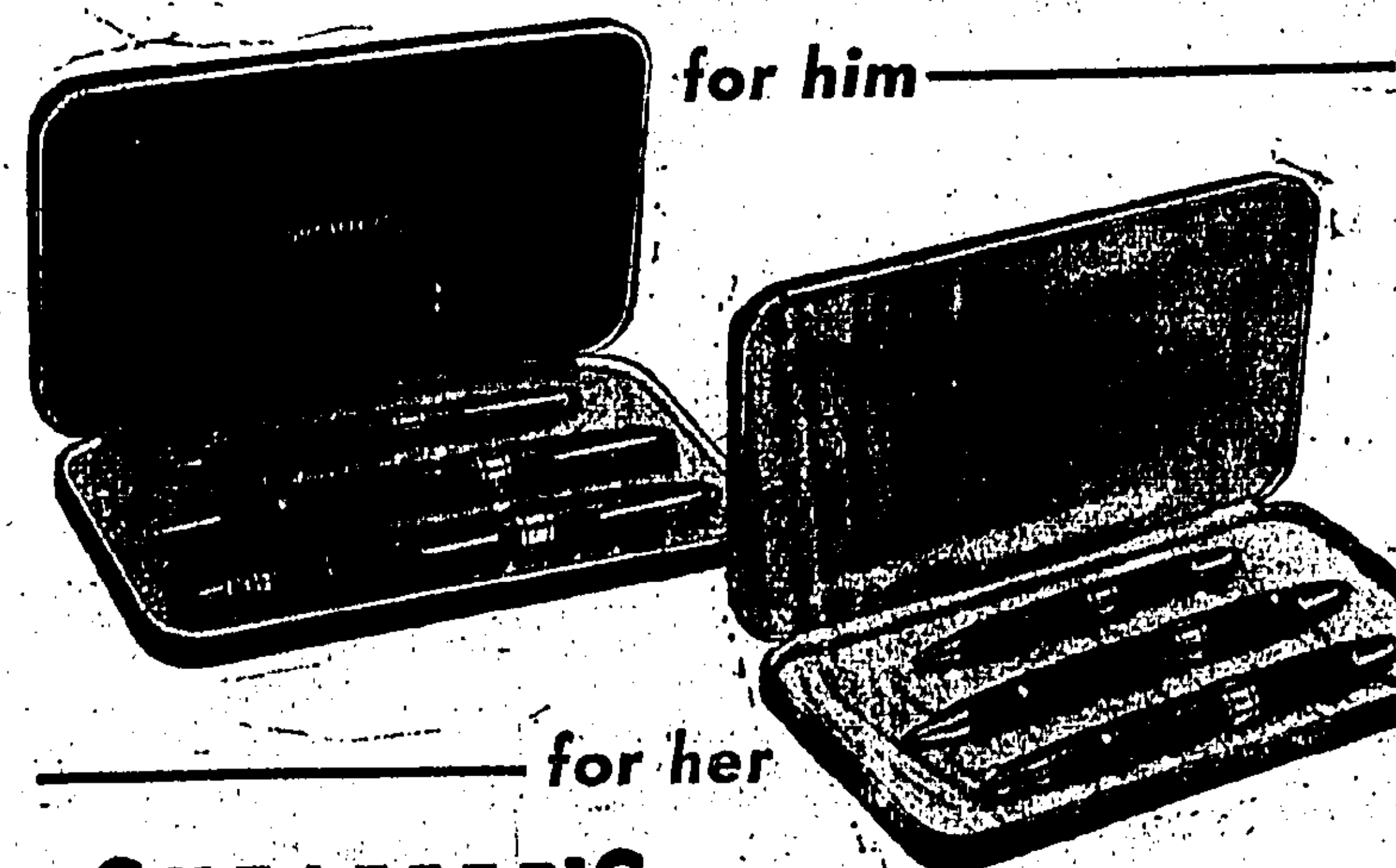
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NOTICE is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the PREFERENCE Shareholders of the Company will be held at 2 Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong at 11.00 a.m. on Monday, December 22nd, 1947, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, of passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors be authorized to take all steps necessary to convert:—

(a) the Authorized Capital of the Company from 100,000 8% Preference Shares of Tls. 10 each and 200,000 Ordinary Shares of Tls. 10 each into 240,000 Ordinary Shares of sterling 30/-d. each making the Authorized Capital of the Company £860,000.

(b) the Issued Capital of the Company from 80,000 8% Preference Shares of Tls. 10 each and 140,000 Ordinary Shares of Tls. 10 each into 172,000 Ordinary Shares of sterling 30/-d. each making the Issued Capital of the Company £268,000.

2. That such alteration be effected by:—

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3. That in respect of the sum of Tls. 439,739.61 now owed by the Company to its General Managers, Macgregors Limited, the Directors be authorized to take all steps necessary to effect a conversion of such loan into a sterling debt of £11,500 upon the footing that no claim shall be made by Macgregors Limited for interest from the 31st December 1941 until the 30th June 1946 and that the rate of interest upon the said loan shall be reduced to 5% per annum.

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To confirm the appointment of the Directors and to fix the Directors' Fees.

To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts to December 31st 1946.

To declare a Dividend.

To elect Auditors.

To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th to the 31st December 1947 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfers of shares will be effected.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application by and on behalf of the above company for leave to re-construct its register of members has been filed with the Registrar of Companies. The statutory declaration in support and the exhibit thereto may be inspected at the Company's Registered Office, York Building, first floor, or at the office of the Registrar of Companies on payment of the prescribed fee.

All persons who claim to be entitled to be registered as shareholders but whose names do not appear in the aforesaid exhibit are required to notify the company of their full names and addresses their claim and the evidence upon which it is based before the 22nd day of March, 1948.

Dated the 15th day of December, 1947.

(Sgd.) F.E. d'Almada Remedios,
Secretary.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probate Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate, to the 8th day of January 1948.

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ROYAL COUPLE'S ALLOWANCES Objections By Labour Party Members Back Benchers' Attitude

London, Dec. 14. Rebellion has broken out within the ranks of the Parliamentary Labour Party against giving Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip annual allowances totalling £50,000 from Government funds.

The grants, £40,000 for the Princess and £10,000 for her husband, were proposed by an all-party select committee of the Commons. The recommendations will be debated on Wednesday in the House.

Five Socialists, members of the select committee, including Maurice Webb, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, voted to cut each of the proposed allowances by £5,000.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that an Interim Dividend of One Dollar per share and a Bonus of One Dollar per share has been declared payable on the 15th December, 1947, free of tax.

The Share Transfer Books will be closed from Monday, 8th December, 1947 to Monday, 15th December, 1947 (inclusive) for the purpose of the preparation of Dividend Warrants.

Dividend Warrants will be issued at the Registered Office of the Company, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Monday, 15th December, 1947.

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Hongkong, 28th November, 1947.

UPROAR IN PARLIAMENT

St. John's, Newfoundland

The Speaker of the Newfoundland Convention threatened to resign today what he called the reprehensible conduct of certain members in an uproar which ended yesterday's debate on the possibility of Newfoundland's union with Canada.

The Speaker, Mr. John McEvoy, criticised those members who waited and refused to answer his repeated summons to return. The Convention, which was finally adjourned until Jan. 5, was three times left without a quorum while discussing a report by a seven-man delegation which has been in Ottawa for six months, discussing the terms of union with Canada.

—Reuter.

U. N. COMMISSION IN KOREA

Lake Success, Dec. 14.

The United States Government last night assured Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, that it would give "the fullest assistance" to the United Nations Korean Commission both in America and Southern Korea.

The assurance was given in a reply to a letter from Dr. Lie, addressed to the United States and the Soviet Union, as the occupying powers in Korea, drawing their attention to the United Nations General Assembly's establishment of a Commission and the Assembly's request that member states afford the Commission every assistance.

No Soviet reply has yet been received. —Reuter.

Communism On The March

BALL HILL FALLS, PA., DEC. 14.

REV. NEVELL BOOTH, UNITED STATES METHODIST BISHOP FOR AFRICA, DECLARED HERE THAT COMMUNISM WAS ON THE MARCH IN BELGIAN CONGO—ONE OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR SOURCES OF URANIUM ORE.

He told the annual meeting of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church: "The Church must combat Communism there, but we must act now or it will be too late."

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2. The lack of educational facilities.

3. Economic and social inequalities and injustices.

4. Political impotency of the people as they have no part in the Government of their lands.

Bishop Booth added that to fight Communism, the Church must support the liberal elements of the colonial Governments in Africa and work with the United Nations Commission of Trusteeship as well as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. —Reuter.

MURDERED TWO SISTERS

Frankfurt, Dec. 14.

The American military court at Amberg, in Bavaria, has sentenced Otto Bartle, a Soviet subject, to death by shooting for the murder of two German sisters at Amberg.

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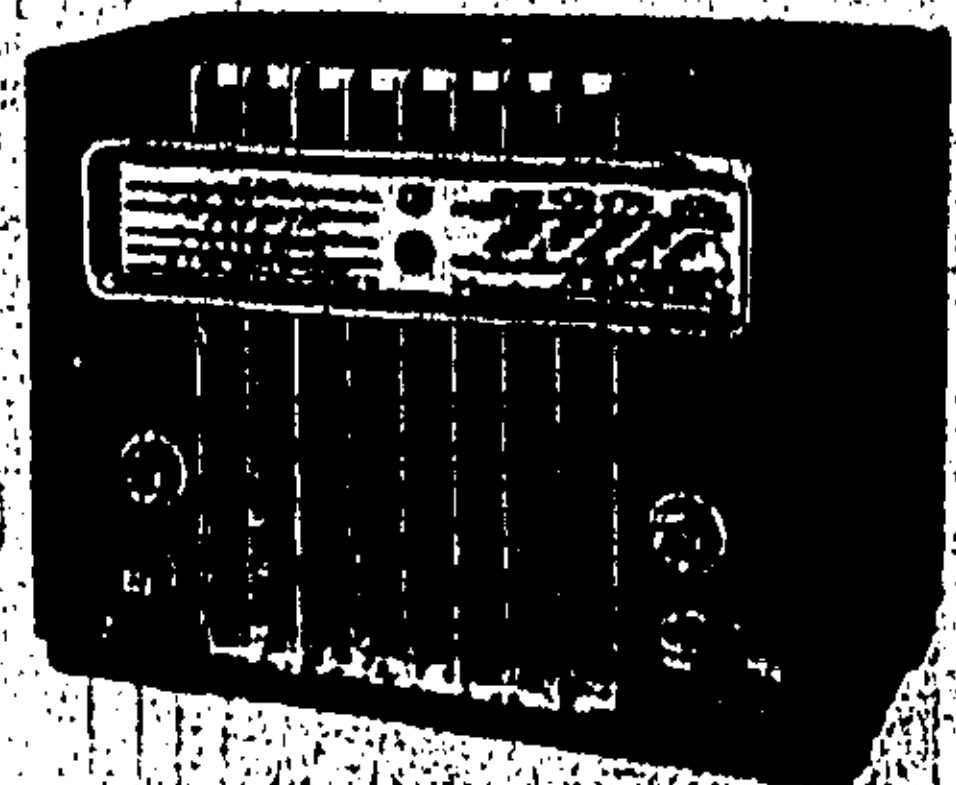
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Germans Comment On Big Four

London, Dec. 14. German correspondent — a dozen men and a few women — are reporting the Foreign Ministers Conference.

They are polite, self-effacing, sometimes bewildered. They represent Germany's diverse political parties. But all express the hope that Germany can become a political and economic unit.

The Germans enjoy the facilities of all reporters accredited to the conference. They attend various briefings, where officials of the four delegations advise reporters of developments. (Reporters are barred from the conference sessions.) They stick together, listen carefully, take notes voluminously and say little.

Among them are Communists as ardent as M. Molotov; British, American and French policies also have their supporters.

Observations

A number of the correspondents volunteered observations. Dr. Erik Reger, editor of the American-licensed non-partisan newspaper, Tagespiegel, (Berlin) said:

"Molotov's daily charges against the western countries will have some effect in the western zone. In industrial areas where conditions are bad and the Communists are strong."

"There will be no effect in the eastern zone, since there the people know how bad things are under the Soviet administration."

Rudolf Feilmann, correspondent of Berlin's Neues Deutschland, (Communist) Party, said:

"My impression is that the Soviet delegation is the only delegation which really advocates political and economic unity of Germany and is against its colonisation."

"The proposals of the American delegation for federalisation of Germany will find little understanding among German people." — Associated Press.

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As part of the traditional observances of St. Catherine's Day, Nov. 25, dressmakers who are 25 years of age and still unmarried, pay homage to a statue of their patron saint in Paris. Fancy hats, dances and general gaiety marked the festive day. (A Photo.)

SHANGHAI PLANS FOR EXPANSION

Shanghai, Dec. 14. The City Government is planning gradual implementation of the Greater Shanghai development plan drawn up in 1936 on instructions from the Generalissimo, a high official of the Public Works told the United Press today.

The plan, whose fundamental points were mapped out by American architects, was shelved indefinitely due to the tense Far East situation which erupted shortly thereafter in the Japanese invasion of China.

The plan calls for the development of a "Greater Shanghai" over an area of roughly 900 square kilometers, with its nerve centre along Nanking Road, southwards till eventually the heart of the city will be a civic centre on the site of Kiangwan suburb.

This area once contained a group of administration buildings designed according to modern Chinese architecture style, but the Japanese destroyed some of the buildings and others have fallen into disuse.

The chief points of the plan would be:

1. The barring of factories and industrial enterprises from the business and residential section which will be concentrated around the civic centre.
2. The extension of the present dock facilities southward along the Whangpoo River bank.
3. The construction of either underground or elevated railways, whichever is found cheaper.
4. The construction of a tunnel under the Whangpoo to the factory district of Pootung.
5. The widening of all main arteries.
6. The encouragement of the development of more widespread residential areas—at present 80 percent of the city population of nearly 5,000,000 live in only one-tenth of the total city area.

Officials intimated that implementation will be commenced after the completion of a detailed study now being carried out. — United Press.

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China Wants Jap Power Generators

Nanking, Dec. 14.

In order to insure a cheap supply of electrical power to Chinese industrial and mining enterprises, the National Resources Commission has drafted a plan to utilise Japanese power generating equipment for the larger cities.

The Commission also plans to develop minor hydro-electric projects throughout the country.

The Chinese Government has requested SCAP headquarters for electrical equipment with a capacity of 260,000 kilowatts as part of Japanese reparations.

The Commission disclosed that most of the Japanese electrical equipment was in disrepair but hope some useable equipment can be secured.

The Commission is planning to develop smaller hydro-electric projects in such places as Wanhua (Szechwan), Tungshu (Sinkang), Hailu and Tientsin (Kantun), and along the Hailu River in Kwelchow.

It is also considering developing the Min River in Szechwan, the Yang River in Kwantung, the Tse River in Hunan and the Chientang River in Chekiang for hydro-electric purposes. — United Press.

London, Dec. 14. Training expenses, allowances and bounty payments for certain minimum amounts of training, paid to the Royal Air Force auxiliary and reserve forces, are to be exempt from income tax from April 6, 1948, it was announced today. — Reuter.

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NEW TRANSPORT SYSTEM

The "shape of things to come" in the transport world is looming through the mist. A Transport Commission has been created and a Railway Executive Committee has been appointed.

The Commission is the more important body and may be compared to a board of directors. A railway board, however, was accountable only to shareholders, but the Commission will be responsible, first to another directorate—the House of Commons—who in turn will be responsible to the owners, the electorate. Thus, at the outset, an additional governing body is interposed.

The Executive Committee is, however, the most significant as an indication that British railways will be governed in future on a functional rather than on an area basis. These two methods are at present easily combined in the organisations of the Great Western and of the Southern Railways. These were not too large to be comparatively easily controlled by a general manager and a complement of departmental officers.

The two larger railway companies, the London, Midland and Scottish and the London and North-Eastern, each settled their organisations somewhat differently. The former was largely functional and the latter mainly geographical. The ideal organisation for any concern is yet to be found.

It is doubtful if the two basic essentials underlying each type of organisation—the necessity of quick decision over an extended sphere of operation and the equally important consideration of bearing local conditions in mind—are both practically possible in every respect.

The National Coal Board have found the difficulty at an early stage in its existence complicated by some confusion of mind on the part of the miners as to whether they or the nation own the pits. Probably this latter difficulty may not arise so acutely in the railway industry, which has years of tradition of "service to the public" behind it. One trusts that the Government appreciates at its high value this intangible and intangible asset which they are inheriting from private ownership.

The new railway organisation, envisaged by the appointment of the Railway Executive Committee, seems mainly functional. The chairman would seem to be the equivalent of a general manager, with the other members occupying the positions of chief departmental officers. They are all competent men in whose hands the over-all administration may be confidently left.

The daily interest, however, of the ordinary passenger and the man who wants his goods conveyed is at a much lower level. Stated bluntly, to whom will the passenger and the trader go with his grievances and suggestions, and what power will reside in the local officer to whom they appeal? Railway nationalisation will ultimately be judged by the service given to the ordinary user of transport. This naturally suggests the inherent advantage of area control, coupled with considerable powers of local autonomy being given to the Chief Area Officer, so characteristic of feature of the London and North-Eastern Railway. This feature should be retained, and in some way should be incorporated in the new organisation. Daily intercourse with consumers is not so important in the sphere of, say, civil engineering, but it is vital in the commercial departments. It may be difficult but it must be solved.

No clue has yet been given as to road organisation, which must in some way fit into the area management suggested above. Only the most vague and worthless generalisations have been offered on the fundamental question of charges.

Any Government can exchange one form of organisation for another, or, as in the present case, merely adapt it by creating larger units, for the purpose of "operating" a railway service.

It will require statesmanship to settle the finance, not the finance usually termed "high", but that which is at the base of it all, the fare to be paid by the passenger and the rate to be paid by the trader.

THE NEW AIRLINERS

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By
CHARLES GARDNER

A situation report on the new British airliners. For some time there has been conjecture (and even wild guesses) on what the British aviation industry was building—and for whom, and how many of them are actually on order.

Recently the veil was lifted, and Britain's Ministry of Supply gave a detailed list of British plans for world leadership in airliner design in the 1950's. Most interesting of the aircraft on the Government's list is the high speed De Havilland "106" pure jet driven transatlantic land aircraft. This machine is, in some ways, a Wellesian concept—and could have walked straight out of the pages of any one of those futuristic books which only a few short years ago we regarded as being merely entertaining fantasies.

The "106" will fly non-stop from London to New York at a height of 40,000 feet or over, and at a speed of 400 to 500 miles-an-hour.

Inside its shapely pressurised hull will be about 30 passengers, eating, drinking and reading as they are quibbled along in silent comfort by four big DH "Ghost" pure jet motors—each developing 5,000 lbs. of thrust, or the equivalent of 10,000 horse-power apiece. In the front "office" the pilot, riding his radar beams, will, by the flick of a knob, be able to see his exact position shown up on a screen at any time. He won't even have to bother about the weather! In the sub-stratosphere of 40,000 feet there is no "weather"—and the "106" will shoot smoothly through the darkened blue of the clear air which rides above the earth's murky cloud layers. It may be that he will still have to keep a sharp look out for possible scattered "spits" of turbulence which might severely shake his machine and jolt the passengers—but one must assume that, by then, the learned scientists will have produced the answer to boogey of the "rust case"—and that an automatic relieving or warning device will enable the "106" to ride evenly through any pillars of rising or descending air.

The pilot will know, too, that even if the weather is thick at the airport of destination radar and radio will bring him almost automatically onto a runway, which he may not even see until he is just about to touch down.

Do you think this still sounds like H.G. Wells or Jules Verne? Even if you do, the hard fact is that the "106" is now being built. The first one will have ordinary Centaurus piston engines, and the other three will have Protos gas-turbine jet-propellers, which are jet engines arranged to drive air screws. These last three jet aircraft will be used by BOAC on the direct New York-London service and they should carry 72 berth accommodated passengers at 350 miles-an-hour at 30,000 feet.

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100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

Sir—In your issue yesterday you mention that Mr. Baker at Buxton has received the Gold Medal for civic merit for his invention of a process to bake perfectly sweet and wholesome bread, of corn, or flour damaged by sea water, or dampness. The process will shortly be made known for general use.

If the process was made known it would be a great boon to this colony, for he is known that nearly all the flour used here is more or less damaged by sea and water. To wit we had two very large supplies last year by the American ships "Paul Jones" and the "Howqua," all of which was used here, with the exception of a small quantity which was sent to Macao for the invalids. I say nothing about smaller supplies which occasionally drop in, with other wholesome food.

Hong Kong is a very unhealthy place—a shocking climate for an European to come to—so all the Vankers say.

A BREAD EATER.

Sir—I beg to call your attention to the state of the public landing places. In consequence of no police man being appointed to look after the boats for the purpose of keeping the landing place clear, every boat is brought as close to the pier as possible, which renders it (in consequence of the crowd of boats) always a difficult matter to land.

Without enlarging on this nuisance, allow me through your columns to call the attention of the Superintendent of Police to the evil.

STROKE OAR.
(This is an old standing nuisance, and we are sure the Superintendent will consider it his duty to place these boats under proper regulations.)

built, and that it is due to make its first flight in 1950. Already sixteen of these aircraft of the future have been ordered "off the board," and BOAC and BSAA are planning their schedules on them. British Overseas are to have eight "106's" for the North Atlantic run, and British South American have ordered six for the South Atlantic. The remaining two will do experimental work for the Ministry of Supply. The purely radar side of my picture is, of course, rapidly coming true even today—and by the time the "106" is on the air-routes (1952) the International Civil Air Organisation should have its position-fixing chains and bad weather approach aids up to a really reliable standard.

So much then for the "106," with its pressurisation, its swept-back wings. It is, admittedly an experiment, but, as the world knows, De Havilland's "experiments" have a way of coming off. I think we can assume that the Government's order for 16 of these planes was not based on mere blind faith!

And now for the rest of the British "team" for the next decade.

Biggest of the bunch, of course, is the 130-ton Bristol "Brabazon I" landplane. This, too, is an experiment, since no aircraft of such a size has been built before—but hopes are high for its success. The first one will make its maiden flight in mid-1948.

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TWO VITAL BRITISH DISCOVERIES

Broadcasting recently, Leonard Brockington referred to two British industrial discoveries which may give this country a world lead. It is believed that one of these discoveries is a revolutionary building material called Pyroc.

John Brewster, the News Chronicle Architectural Correspondent, has been investigating Pyroc for the last month. When he handed in his report he attached a note to the Editor:—"My great difficulty in writing this is to avoid making it appear like an advertisement. But I have to confess it sounds like one of the most exciting building developments in a lifetime."

Pyroc has been approved by the National Physical Laboratory, and is now undergoing tests at the Building Research Station. The Journal of the Royal Institute of British Architects has assessed it. And now here is John Brewster's report on Pyroc:

Samuel Clippam, a burly capable builder with a Lancashire accent, began towards the end of the war to look for a substitute for plaster. He foretold a shortage of plaster and plasterers. He wanted a quick mechanical method of plastering a wall. But when he tried using a spray gun like those used for paint the plaster sagged and ran down the wall as though a child had thrown mud at it. One day he was offered material for a decorative wall finish. It was called vermiculite and came from South Africa. It is a mica, obtained by open-cast mining. When it is heated it expands into little leaves sixteen times its normal size. This is springy, and it can be compressed again almost to its original form. But little vermiculite was available. Still on the look-out for his plaster substitute, Clippam took a handful of the vermiculite, put it into a wet mix of cement and lime and threw it at the wall. It stuck. It did not sag. Instead it set in a thick lump. Clippam used a

These huge aircraft are, again, no mere "pipe dream," and should be on regular schedule by 1951 or 52 which is about the same time, in fact, as the "106."

Britain's other new "monster," is the Saunders Roe SR. 45 flying boat. This will be just a bit smaller than the Brab. I and will also be a jet-prop. The Ministry has now confirmed that three of these super-boats have been ordered and the first flight of the first one to be built will be in the spring of 1950. The SR. 45 will have room on her two decks for 100 night passengers, and will take them along the Empire routes at about 340 mph.

Those three aircraft then—the "106's," the Brab. I and the SR. 45—are the backbone of Britain's attempt to regain world leadership on the big trunk routes of the air world. They are all under construction, and all on definite order for British airlines.

Largest of the smaller fry is the Vickers "Viceroy"—with four jet-propellers and seats for 24 to 28 passengers on Continental services. This aircraft will replace the present Vikings, and a very large order is believed to be under way for them for British European Airways. The first Viceroy will fly in 1948 and so should be on the routes by 1951. Its engines will be either Armstrong "Mambas" or Rolls "Darts" according to which is ready for regular service first. So far the firm Government order is only for two.

A rival to the Viceroy, is the Armstrong "Apollo"—another 24-28 seater jet-prop which should fly in late 1948. Two have been ordered but production for private sales overseas will probably be encouraged, even if BEA should prefer the Viceroy.

These two European type jet liners complete Britain's list of airliners of the near future which are being built on the initiative of the Government, although there is much talk of a high performance conventional Empire type land aircraft with 40 seats and four ordinary piston engines to be built as a general utility machine.

TWO VITAL BRITISH DISCOVERIES

Pyroc on a steel girder is as fire resistant as several inches of concrete. When it is sprayed a quarter of an inch thick on timber and blow-lamps are applied, it takes five to six hours for the timber to begin to char. It never bursts into flame. It is cheaper than plaster. It is made from vermiculite, lime and cement. But the lime produced from the waste product of carbide is suitable, and great dumps of this hitherto useless material lie scattered over Britain.

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In England, during our last bitter winter a poultry farmer, unable to obtain sufficient fuel, kept the temperatures of his incubators up by spraying them with Pyroc. Now, that's a saving! New York City, where the laws, because half an inch of

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

HOW TO DRIVE HIM WILD

There are several ways to make an opponent crash his teeth over having fallen for a gag that made him beat himself. One of the most asperating is to lead a queen when the king is at your left. Its holder will usually play low if he lacks the ace, expecting that card to be opposite the leader. If he then plays low a second time, hoping the ace is now singleton and must play, he has uncumbered to the device. When the lead of the suit then lays down the ace to drop the king that could have won earlier, it is likely to just about drive the victim wild.

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|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| S. K J 10 5 | H. 6 4 3 | D. J 10 6 | C. 8 6 2 |
| S. Q 7 4 | H. K 8 | D. K 4 7 | C. J 10 3 |
| S. 5 3 | H. A 6 | D. A Q 9 5 | C. A Q 9 |
| S. 2 | H. 10 9 5 | D. A Q 8 4 | C. K 7 5 |
| S. 1 | H. 6 4 3 | D. K 7 5 | C. A J 2 |

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)

South West North East

1 NT 2 D Pass 2 H

2 NT 2 D Pass 2 H

3 NT

There is no way we know to justly soundly either West's diamond overcall or South's last two bids on this duplicate deal except that he fancied his own playing ability and was straining for maximum. The result in the duplicate where this hand was produced. But several other pairs reached the same contract and still more played at a lower. No tricks taken depended mainly on what the defense did. Some took nine tricks, some eight and one declarer even got 10 with four in spades, two in hearts, three in diamonds and one in clubs.

But the worst score for any North-South pair came where the bidding shown was done. West led the K of East's hearts, then led to the A. Now East played South for a victim of his own nefariousness and "got away" with it. He led the club Q. South now placed the A with West. So played low to avoid sacrificing his K. West put on the 10. Then East led the A. With the 3 not yet taken, South decided East had five to the Q-J-9 and West originally just the A-10. So he played low again. The J, of course, won that and the 3 came back to the A; which dropped the K. South was so mad at both himself and East, that he could hardly play the rest of the hand as the 2 took another club trick to give him a could bottom score.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. A Q 10 3
H. A 8 3
D. A K 5 4
C. 10 4

S. 6 4
H. K 7 2
D. 10 8 7 3
C. K Q 6 3

S. K 7 2
H. Q 6 5
D. J 6 2
C. A J 2

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)

How can South play this hand best at 3-No Trumps after West leads his club?

Announcing Arrival

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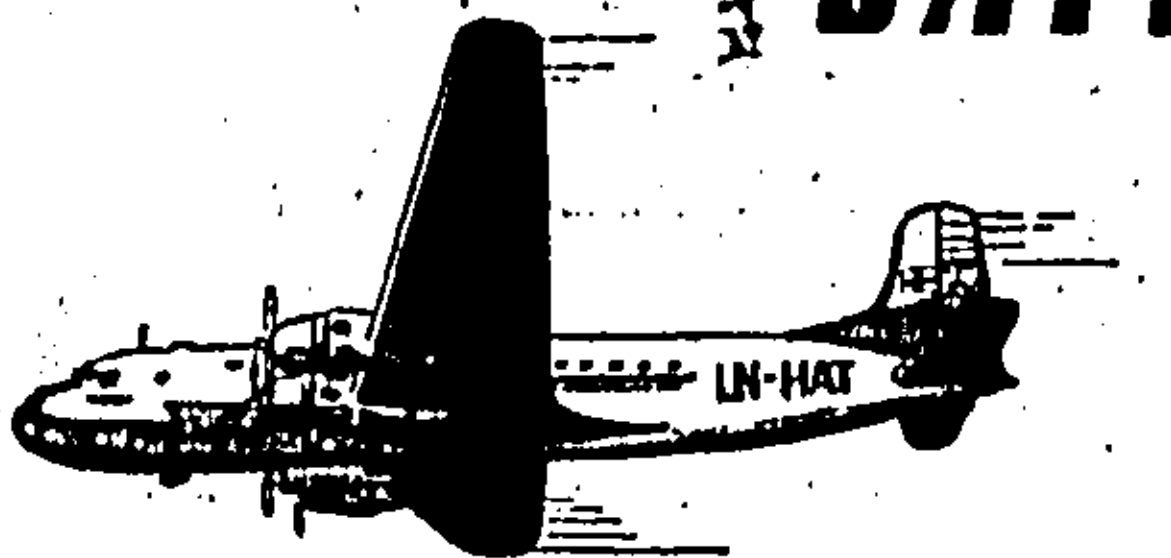
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BRITAIN AND JAP TREATY Big Power Veto Privileges Opposed Russia's Demand Opposed

London, Dec. 14.
Britain today registered firm opposition to giving the major powers veto privileges in drafting a Japanese peace treaty and rejected Russia's demand that preliminary treaty discussions be limited to the major powers.
The anti-veto stand was designed to avoid the deadlocks and delays which have blocked agreements on Germany and Austria.

In separate notes to the Chinese and Russian Governments, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin served notice that Britain would hold out for full equal participation by all nations with "vital interests" in the Far Eastern Commission.
Mr. Bevin urged a preliminary treaty conference early next year because "an early establishment of peace and normal conditions in the Far East is of paramount importance."
Under a U.S. proposal, the participating countries would comprise those on the Far Eastern Commission—the United States, Britain, China, Russia, France, Canada, Australia, India, New Zealand, the Netherlands and the Philippines.

Bevin's Contention

Britain accepted the U.S. invitation. Russia and China made counter-proposals. Original plans to hold the meeting last autumn were deferred because of inability to reach agreement. The U.S. made clear unofficially that a peace conference will be held ultimately regardless of Russia's decision on attendance.

Mr. Bevin said in his note to Russia and China that "any procedure involving the right of the veto could only delay the conclusion of an early settlement and would conflict with the principle of equitable representation of the interests of all the principal combatants."

Britain suggested that the decision on questions of substance should be reached by a straight two-thirds vote of participating countries. China had advocated a two-thirds rule, with the stipulation that the majority must include the concurring votes of China, Russia, the U.S. and Britain.

Inappropriate

To Russia, Mr. Bevin said the Soviet suggestion for limiting preliminary Japanese discussions to the big powers was "inappropriate." He added: "His Majesty's Government consider that all these countries which are specially concerned

in the settlement with Japan, by reason not only of their contributions to the defeat of Japan, but also of the degree to which they suffered from Japanese aggression, and of their vital interests in the future peaceful development of the Pacific area, are entitled to be represented on a par with the principal in that settlement."
The note said that "their exclusion would prejudice the efficacy of a settlement in which they have the right to be consulted fully at every stage."—Associated Press.

BRITAIN ROUNDS THE RECOVERY CORNER

London, Dec. 14.
The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, praising the British people's production effort that has raised coal and steel output to record levels, said last night that Britain has rounded "recovery corner" in the battle against national bankruptcy.

"Let us look at the facts and figures and be proud of ourselves as a people," Mr. Morrison declared in a nationwide radio broadcast.

His speech, entitled "The Government, the Opposition and the Nation," said that former Prime Minister Winston Churchill and his Conservative

Austerity Policy For Rank

LONDON, DEC. 14.
J. ARTHUR RANK, BRITAIN'S MIGHTIEST MOVIE MOGUL, ANNOUNCED TODAY A SEMI-AUSTERITY POLICY FOR THE NEW YEAR WHICH WILL MEAN TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SUPER-PICTURE PRODUCTION, NO PAY INCREASES FOR THE STARS AND MUCH LESS HIRING OF ADDITIONAL TALENT.

The new economy programme, described by the Rank organisation as "a levelling off for a while," was dictated largely officials said, by production losses of £2,000,000 which Rank suffered in the last six years.

"No attempt will be made to curtail output," one of Rank's associates said. "On the contrary, we shall make more films—but they will be less expensive. The plan simply means that for the time being we shall be making no more big spectacle or prestige films which take months and fortunes to produce."—Associated Press.

"Mad Dog Killers"

CHICAGO, DEC. 14.
CHICAGO POLICE, USING MACHINE-GUNS, TODAY SHOT DOWN ONE OF THE THREE GUNMEN, WHO LAST NIGHT KILLED THREE MEN AND WOUNDED TWO OTHERS IN A SHOOTING SPREE THAT LED THE POLICE TO CALL THEM "MAD DOG KILLERS".

One of the other two gunmen was captured and the police were still hunting for the third.

Four of the "killers' victims were "taken for a ride," the fifth was shot dead at a garage on Chicago's South Side where the gunmen forced their captives into a motor car in which they drove out to the western suburbs.

Two of the wounded men got away.—Reuter.

17 Dead In Rail Crash

Paris, Dec. 14.
The police confirmed today that 17 bodies and 23 injured passengers have so far been recovered from the wreckage of the head-on rail crash between Fontenay and Rion, near Clermont Ferrand, last night.

A 700-ton goods train, travelling at 40 miles per hour, ran head on into a 60 miles per hour single-coach Diesel-propelled autocar, pushing it back nearly 300 yards.

Sixteen bodies were taken from the front of the autocar. The goods-train driver was found dead at his controls.—Reuter.

TRADE UNIONS WARNED

Nottingham, Dec. 14.
Arthur Deakin, Secretary-General of the powerful Transport and General Workers' Union, tonight warned that "attempted Communist infiltration and domination" of British trade unions would be disastrous if it succeeded.

"Continual interference and launching of industrial programmes on wages and conditions by the Communist Party cannot be tolerated," Mr. Deakin said, at a meeting of the local Transport Union.

"If ever the time comes, and we must use every endeavour to ensure that it does not come, when trade union policy is dominated by instructions issued from the headquarters of the Communist Party or anywhere else, it will be disastrous."—Reuter.

GRIM FACT WE HAVE TO FACE

LONDON, DEC. 14.
LORD BEVERIDGE, LIBERAL PEER AND ORIGINATOR OF BRITAIN'S SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN, TODAY DESCRIBED THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AS "ILLIBERAL"—THE STRONGEST TERM OF ABUSE THAT I CAN THINK OF.

He told members of the Council of the Liberal Party Organisation at their quarterly meeting that "people who in their domestic affairs judge lightly of human rights are dangerous to the world, because they will judge lightly also of the rights of people of other nations."

"That is the grim fact that we have got to face today," Lord Beveridge said that Britain had found herself in a position of constantly having to apologise for what she was doing in Germany and for not doing what she would like to do for fear of offending Russia.

At this moment, he said, Britain was giving up national authority all over the world but she was not substituting justice in its place. She was doing no more than retreating from untenable positions, leaving chaos behind.—Reuter.

Britain Out For Tourists

LONDON, DEC. 14.
A SCHEME TO ENLIST THE AID OF THE MAN-IN-THE-STREET TO MAKE BRITAIN TOURIST-CONSCIOUS AND THUS BRING HER DOLLAR AND OTHER FOREIGN EXCHANGE UP, IS BEING DEVELOPED BY THE BRITISH TRAVEL ASSOCIATION.

Residents of one hundred towns and cities in the country are being invited to form a local travel circle which will be affiliated to the association and to coordinate its activities within the "Come to Britain" campaign.

The travel circles will provide residents with a platform for discussion of ideas to make their town or city of particular tourist appeal.

The discussions will cover a variety of subjects such as local amenities, accommodation, information services, reception and entertainment.—Reuter.

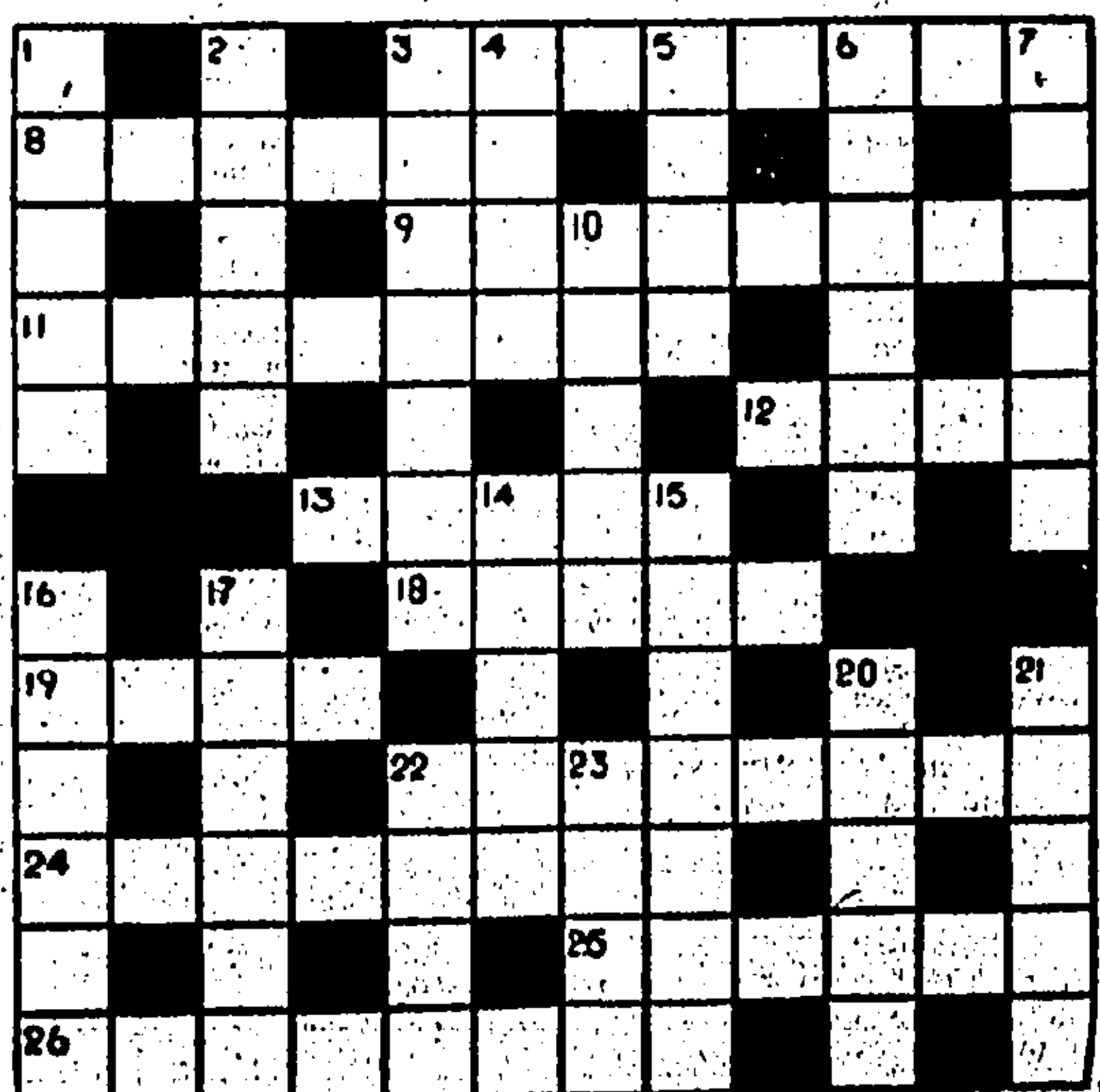
Singapore Gun Duel

Singapore, Dec. 14.
One Chinese gunman was shot dead, another wounded and two more taken prisoner, when a saloon car in which they were believed to be travelling to stage a holdup, was ambushed by the police last night in Orchard Road, one of Singapore's main thoroughfares.

The car was riddled with bullets in the gun duel but the Chinese informer travelling in the rear seat with two of the gangsters escaped with a slight bullet wound in the mouth.

An Assistant Police Superintendent was slightly wounded.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1 Sensational carrier.
2 Golf-club.
3 Soft drink.
4 Bullfighter.
5 Successor.
6 Exclude.
7 Proposer.
8 Later.
9 Farmer.
10 Rupture.
11 Dogs.
12 Split.
13 Vets.
14 Free.

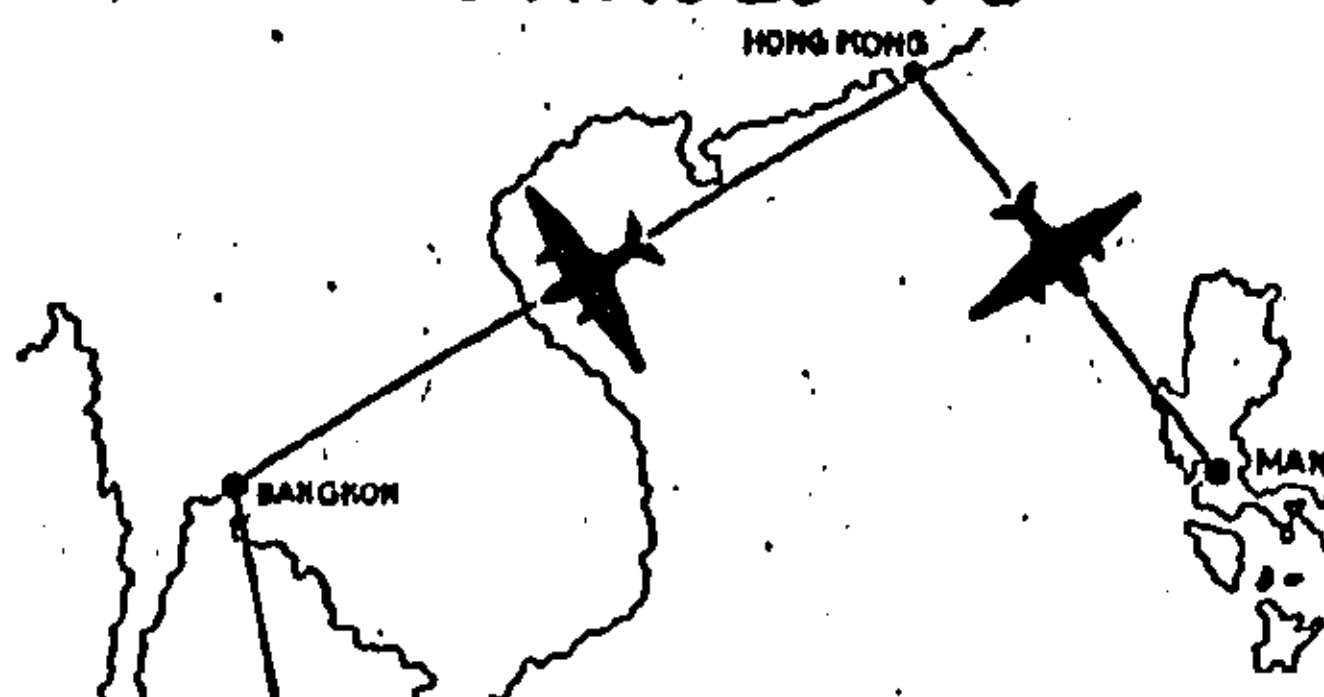
Clues Down

1 Sharp.
2 Worship.
3 Expanded.
4 Marsh plant.
5 Tie up.
6 Merchant.
7 Fruit.
8 Tooth.
9 Nobleman.
10 Put down.
11 Native seaman.
12 Wind instrument.
13 Faint.
14 Reveal.
15 Beat.
16 Regret.

Saturday's Crossword
Across: 1 Proposer, 2 Later, 3 Farmer, 4 Rupture, 5 Dogs, 6 Split, 7 Vets, 8 Free, 9 Proposer, 10 Later, 11 Farmer, 12 Rupture, 13 Dogs, 14 Split, 15 Vets, 16 Free.

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The stock market finished its last recovery week since last July with recovery extending the advance fractions to a point of more on the fastest Saturday dealings in about seven months.

Buying was credited to belief that dwindling of year and tax selling would be followed by large scale re-investment demand. Transfers were 560,000 shares.

Gainers included Pacific Western Oil, Mission Corporation, American Woolen, Pullman Steel, Nickel Plate, Railway, Cerro de Pasco.

Losses: Eastman Kodak 4 1/2, Electric Light & Power 1 1/2, General Electric 3 1/2, Goodyear 3 1/2, Greyhound 1 1/2, Home-Tele. 3 1/2, International Harvester 3 1/2, International Paper 5 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 1 1/2, Johns-Manville 1 1/2, Kennecott Copper 4 1/2, Montgomery Ward 5 1/2, National Distillers 2 1/2, National Lead 2 1/2, New York Central 1 1/2, Packard Motor 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 3 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 1 1/2, Radio Corp. 1 1/2, Real Silk 1 1/2, Republic Steel 2 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 4 1/2, Schenley 2 1/2, Sears Roebuck 3 1/2, Shell Oil 3 1/2, Soco Vacuum 1 1/2, Southern Pacific 4 1/2, Standard Brands 2 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 6 1/2, Standard Oil of N. J. 7 1/2, Standard Oil of Ind. 3 1/2, Union Carbide 1 1/2, US Rubber 4 1/2, US Steel 7 1/2, US Lines 2 1/2, Westinghouse 2 1/2, Youngtown Sheet & Tube 7 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 1 1/2. Associated Press.

MALAYAN TRADE WITH GERMANY

Trade between Malaya and Germany nearly doubled in October, according to figures released today. Exports rose from Straits \$1,207,302 in September to Straits \$2,356, 826 in October. Rubber exports were the chief item. Associated Press.

BOMBAY SILVER & GOLD

Bombay, Dec. 14. Silver Ready, per 100 tolas 169 rupees, 66 annas; Forward 169 rupees, 12 annas; Marwar (unofficial) 170 rupees, 12 annas. Gold, delivered per tola 106 rupees; Forward 106; 106 Sovereigns unquoted. One tola is equal to 1/10 of an ounce. Reuter.

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Washington, Dec. 14. An emergency foreign aid bill carrying the full US\$597,000,000 asked by the Administration and including aid for China, was agreed to yesterday by a Senate-House conference committee.

Chairman Arthur Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the compromise aid authorization measure will be brought up for action in the Senate on Monday with possible House approval the same day.

The Senate had voted to authorize the full US\$597,000,000 asked by President Truman for France, Italy and Austria only. The House trimmed this total by US\$7,000,000 and stipulated

that US\$500,000,000 of the US\$590,000,000 authorized should go to China.

Besides reconciling differences in money totals and inclusion of China, the joint committee had to iron out agreements on several amendments, most of them inserted by the House.

Vandenberg said Senators agreed to the inclusion of China, as called for by the House bill, after lengthy discussion. The amounts that any of the four countries actually will receive will be determined later by an appropriation bill.

Vandenberg told reporters that "whatever China gets will have to come off the others"—France, Italy, Austria.

Nothing is in the authorization bill specifically for Western European relief but that because the House has "opened the door it would be unconscionable to slam it shut." Associated Press.

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Exchange Rates Forecast

London, Dec. 14. An adjustment in international exchange rates with a simultaneous increase in gold prices was predicted by Mr. E. G. Theodore, leading Australian financier, and former Treasurer of the Commonwealth (Finance Minister).

Mr. Theodore said that the dollar crisis was caused by the war damage to countries suffering from serious man-power shortages in their heavy industries and shortages of plant and equipment for reestablishing production.

Because of these factors, enormous demands were made on the United States for equipment and materials resulting in a serious drain on dollar credits, which in turn led to drastic restrictions on dollar purchases by Britain and other countries.

He expressed the opinion that gold mines with only low grade ore are doomed to early extinction unless there is an increase in gold price, at least commensurate with increased costs. Reuter.

Alexandria, Dec. 14. Gold, per "dithem" 176 piastres. Egyptian pound 510 piastres. Silver, per 1000 piastres 395 piastres. Napoleon 390 Dollar (piece de cinq) 510 piastres. Silver (piastres) per kilogram 840 piastres. One "dithem" equals 1/10th of an ounce. Reuter.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 13. Sovereign, buyers 65.20, sellers 66.20. U.S. Eagle, 121.50, 121.50. Gold, Bar, grammes, 6.55h, 6.20h. Reuter.

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